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The first law of History is not to dare tell a lie; the second not to fear to tell the truth; besides let the Historian be beyond all suspicion of favoring or hating anyone whomsoever. LEO XIII.

Which if I have done well and as becometh the history is what I have desired; but if not so perfectly it must be pardoned me. MACHABEES XV, 39.

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